

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 12 - SB 1203**

March 22, 2015

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits a commissioner or deputy commissioner who administers departmental contracts from seeking or accepting employment with a private business that contracted with the department during the commissioner's or deputy commissioner's tenure for a year immediately after such commissioner or deputy commissioner leaves office. Authorizes the Tennessee Ethics Commission to assess a civil penalty up to \$10,000 if a former commissioner or deputy commissioner knowingly violates this prohibition. Authorizes the Tennessee Ethics Commission to seek injunctive relief in the Davidson County Chancery Court to prevent such person from a continuing violation.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- The number of violations that will occur as a result of this legislation is unknown, as there is no historical data which could be used to forecast the number of civil penalties that will be levied against commissioners or deputy commissioners for a violation. It is assumed that any penalty assessed will not result in a significant increase in revenue.
- Any increase in the workload for the Tennessee Ethics Commission is estimated to be not significant and can be accommodated within existing resources.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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